

after which the names of the absentees shall again be called over. The doors shall then be closed and those from whom no excuse, or insufficient excuses are made, may, by order of those present, if fifteen in number, be taken into custody as appear, or may be sent for, and taken into custody wherever to be found, by special manager appointed for that purpose.

#### PREVIOUS QUESTION.

53. The previous question shall be as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided shall preclude all amendments and debates. If this question shall be decided in the affirmative, the "main question" shall be on the passage of the bill, resolution or other matter under consideration; but when amendments are pending, the question shall be taken upon such amendments in their order without further debate or amendment. If such question be decided in the negative, the main question shall be considered as remaining under debate: *Provided*, That no one shall move the previous question, except the Chairman of a committee, whose report is under consideration, the mover of a resolution or bill, or the author of a minority report.

54. When a motion for the previous question is made, and pending the second thereto by a majority, debate shall cease, but if any member obtain the floor, he may move to lay the matter under consideration on the table, or move an adjournment, and when both or either of these motions is pending, the question shall stand:

1st. Previous question.

2d. To adjourn.

3d. Lay on the table.

And then upon the main question; or amendments, or the motions to postpone indefinitely, postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, in the order of their precedence, until the main question is reached or disposed of; but after the previous question has been called by a majority, no motion, amendment or debate shall be in order.